

Parents with Intellectual Disabilities Picnic

Saturday, June 1, 2013 was beautiful in many ways – the



weather, the food, the people, the fun. Parents with Intellectual Disabilities, their families and DDS and private agency support staff got together at Gorman Park in East Hartford for an afternoon picnic.

This picnic was organized by DDS Case Managers with the parents on their caseloads. Some of the food was



purchased with a donation given by the Knights of Columbus of East Hartford and everyone brought something to share. There were at least

15 parents in attendance with their children. One of the parents asked, “Can we do this next month?” After a brief discussion, the conclusion was “Next year and it will be at Camp Harkness!” Until then, parents have developed friendships, call each other and will be back together as a group in September for the next Parent Advocacy Group. The North Region was the pilot for the



Parent Advocacy Group- they meet at N.E.A.T. Marketplace on the corner of Coventry and Holcomb in Hartford the 1st Wednesday of the Month from 5:30p-7:30p.

The group is taking a break for the summer- the next meeting will be Wednesday September 4th.



Another new Parent Advocacy Group is going to be starting on September 4th from 4:30-6:30 at 401 West Thames Street, Norwich 06360. The participants share a meal together and then the parents meet while their children are supervised and offered crafts, assistance with homework, read stories and play games.